Time limit for disposal of applications for industrial units

433. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:
SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have fixed any time limit to dispose of various pending applications pertaining to the setting up of industrial units;

(b) if so, what are details thereof;

(c) whether this limit has also been followed in respect of Bihar;

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what corrective steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (e) As per the existing procedure, Industrial Licence applications are required to be disposed of within 60 days of receipt of application. This time limit is applicable to all the States including Bihar and no exception is made in this regard.

It is the endeavour of the Govt. to disposal of all the Industrial Licence applications within the stipulated time schedule. However, it is not always possible to adhere to the said time schedule, because in some cases recommendation of the concerned Administrative Ministries are not received in time while in some other cases additional information is called for from the parties as their applications are deficient resulting in delay in their disposal.

Administrative Ministries are regularly reminded to expedite their recommendations and applicants are directly addressed to furnish additional information for ensuring expeditious disposal of applications for industrial licence.

Industrially backward districts in Maharashtra

434. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government have proposed to the Union Government to declare some of its districts as Industrially backward districts under the new Industrial Policy;

(b) if so, the names of the proposed districts; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Development of small scale sector

435. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the contribution of small scale sector in the country in the matter of national industrial production, direct exports and the exports by supplies to the organised sector;

(b) what is the priority in the development of small scale sector in Government's planning and in the matter of concessions and subsidies; and

(c) what are the main constraints in the development of small scale industrial sector and the manner in which Government propose to remove the bottlenecks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Small scale Sector accounts for about 40 per cent of the total industrial output and about 33 per cent by way of direct exports to the country's total exports. The data relating to exports of the small scale units by supply to organised sector are not centrally maintained